



## Community and Police Relations Committee (CPRC)

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# Meeting Minutes

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June 17, 2015

Meeting Location: IRCO Gymnasium, 10301 NE Glisan St, Portland, OR 97220

CPRC Attendees: Damon Isiah Turner, Sam Sachs, Allan Lazo, Lt. Larry Graham, Marcia Suttentberg

CPRC Absent: Patricia Ford, Officer Tim Evans, Officer Jessica Brainard, A.C. Mike Crebs, Cpt. Chris Uehara, Antonio Chimuku.

Staff: Koffi Dessou (OEHR), Irene Konev (IPR)

Community members present: 10 people

5:35 – Sam called the meeting to order  
Sam read the CPRC Mission Statement.

### **Welcoming and Introductions**

CPRC members and community members introduced themselves

### **Agenda and Minutes**

Marcia moved to approving minutes and agenda

Lt. Larry Graham seconded

CPRC members unanimously approved minutes and agenda

### **CPRC GOALS for 2015-2016**

Sam:

- More community forums
- Summer outdoor activities
- There is a need of truth and reconciliation and healing process
- Would like to see CPRC be an advisor to the police chief

Larry:

- More activities with Black communities, more repair to do in those communities
- Sit down with houseless (homeless) communities for more dialogues
- Action items to do something. Put recommendations and take actions. Meetings are great but we need to do sometimes. We meet and talk, but we need actions, even small actions

Irene:

- CRC did sit down with HRC and will continue working together

Damon:

- Plan and organize trust building activities such as the experience from Los Angeles: **Healing Wounds and Rebuilding Trust: A Conversation between Community Members, Elected Officials and Law Enforcement.**
- Take the opportunity to work with another advisory body for communication training purposes

Mike (community member): more community involvement to reduce tension between police and civilians

Larry:

- Police need communication skills training, in addition to other types of training

Marcia:

- CPRC can have discussion with the police about the criteria for use of force
- Discussion about training on how to get police out of their cars to talk to people
- Discussions about the use of body camera
- Discussions about the data collection

Larry:

- Discussion about use of force can be complicated for the CPRC because it involves legal and technical aspects
- CPRC should make recommendations on community policing
- Letter of recommendation to PPB stressing the importance of communication training and PPB will look for resources and expertise to push things forward

Danny Rosen:

- Use positive reinforcement: testify about the things meaningful for communities

Aurora Le Noirée (community member): We need to have police on the activist's side

Dan Handelman:

- Engage in Truth and reconciliation process
- It's more about distrust than hatred between community and police

- CPRC made recommendations in the past on the use of force and should make more
- Topic for recommendation: "What happens after a shooting?" (Portland Police protocol)
- Don't use the term "customer service" for police interactions with community members.

### **CPRC LEADERSHIP TRANSITION**

Sam: plans to step down from the HRC, and consequently will no longer be CPRC chair. Sam is waiting for HRC to find a replacement to serve on the CPRC.

### **POLICE STOPS DATA COLLECTION PROCESS**

Sam read the following proposed process to analyze the Stops Data Collection and asked CPRC members to provide feedback.

Stops Data Collection

#### Step One – Understanding Stops Data

What is collected?

How is it collected?

How is it analyzed?

How is it distributed?

#### Step Two

Make recommendations to the Chief of Police and the COAB on improvements to the collection, analysis and distribution of the Stops Data. Make recommendations on more effective ways of data collection.

#### Step Three

Make recommendations to the Chief of Police and the COAB on promising practices to ensure stops and searches are carried out in a fair and equitable manner.

- Allan: What we as community want the stop data to tell us. Is it scientifically sound?
- Marcia: current data is comprehensive. Data showed disproportionate stops of communities of color. We need to find out why the disproportion and make recommendations.
- Larry: disproportion exists also in the killing of black men. It is critical to address implicit bias issue.
- Koffi: As a trainer on equity for the City of Portland, I want to share that we recommend data collection in the city as an organization for the practicality of the findings for management and leadership, regardless of the method, whether scientific or not. The City of Portland has committed to achieving equity by eliminating disparities and discrimination. The city does not want to

discriminate against a group of people or maintain disparities. The data are collected to see how we are doing in the services we deliver directly or by contract. If there is disparity in the benefits or burden for a group of people, then there is a problem. It is important to acknowledge the problem and do something to fix the problem.

- Adrian Brown (DOJ): interested in the new data collection process within the PPB as part of the DOJ Settlement Agreement.
- Larry: It would be helpful to clarify the definition of “Mere conversation” for officers and communities. The term has a legal connotation.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Regina (Portland Copwatch): Copwatch did not take pictures about Sweep Street. Houseless community members are not well treated in Portland. Business owners are targeting these community members.
- Irene shared the IPR Director’s report
- Adrian (DOJ): supports the Truth and Reconciliation process.
- Dan: Truth and reconciliation: people in power (police) should listen to people not in power. Tasers replaced with new ones. Paragraph 1.46D of DOJ Settlement Agreement asks inputs from CPRC on the racial profiling report.
- Debbie Aiona (Legal Women Voters): recommend involving OEHR (Dante) for staff support on the Truth and Reconciliation process.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEETING WRAP UP**

- Larry: want something to happen rather than just having meetings
- Marcia: Review stops data topic in July meeting

7:26 meeting adjourned